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The Update is a bi-weekly Web newsletter published by the Iowa Department of Public Health's Bureau of Family Health. It is posted the second and fourth week of every month, and provides useful job resource information for departmental health care professionals, information on training opportunities, intradepartmental reports and meetings, and additional information pertinent to health care professionals.

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Women's Health and Child Health 2010 Databooks Now Available!

2010 Women's Health USA and Children's Health USA Databooks are now available.



The Women's Health USA 2010 data book is the ninth edition of the annual data book on women's health in the United States. It is designed to be used as a reference for policy makers and program administrators at the federal, state, and local levels to identify and address issues affecting women's health and to assist them in planning, developing, and implementing effective programs to meet public health challenges related specifically to women. The data book serves as a companion document to the long-running Child Health USA data book also published by the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), and includes tables, figures, and references.

The Child Health USA 2010 data book is the 17th edition of the annual statistical report that highlights the health status and service needs of America's children. It provides data to child health practitioners to assist them in planning, developing, and implementing effective programs to meet public health challenges related specifically to children. The report contains easy-to-access graphs and charts summarizing significant indicators of children's health status, statistics, figures, and references.

To order, call 1-888-ASK-HRSA or go to <a href="http://ask.hrsa.gov">http://ask.hrsa.gov</a> to order online.

# Mark Your Calendars! CAReS and Child Health/EPSDT Training

The Bureau of Family Health has established training dates for CAReS and Child Health/ EPSDT during the months of October 2010 and November 2010.

The CAReS training will be held from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and the Child Health/EPSDT training will be held from 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. See the dates and locations below.

#### Wednesday, October 27

Lucas State OfficeBldg. Conference Rm526 (Licensure Board Rm)

#### Thursday, November 18

Lucas State Office
 Bldg. Conference Rm 518

Please e-mail Marcus
Johnson, Erin Parker or Janet
Beaman (a staff directory
is located on page 5 of **The UPdate**) with the names of
staff from your agency that
will attend on selected dates.
Specify which training each
staff member will attend
(CAReS or Child Health/
EPSDT or both). Also know
that space is limited. If
seating capacity fills, we may
need to request that future
dates be selected.

## Start Planning 2011 with a FREE Women's Health Calendar

It's that time of year again! The Office on Women's Health is taking orders for the FREE women's health calendar. Request your free copy (in English or Spanish) online at <a href="https://www.womenshealth.gov">www.womenshealth.gov</a> or by phone at 1-800-994-9662 to request bulk copies.

The 2011 women's health calendar offers information about common health concerns for women, risk factors for disease and ways to take charge of your health. This year, reminder stickers have been added to help you stay organized.

#### Order your calendar today!

## **Bright Futures for Women's Health and Wellness**

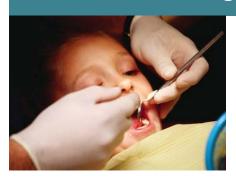
New Tool Available

The mission of the Bright Futures for Women's Health and Wellness Initiative (BFWHW) is to plan, develop, implement, and evaluate a variety of culturally competent, evidence-based consumer, provider, and community tools for women across their lifespan. Materials help women of all ages achieve better physical, emotional, social, and spiritual health by encouraging healthy practices. Two new tools are now available at www.hrsa.gov/womenshealth:

- Taking Care of Mom Nurturing Self as Well as Baby (En Español)
- Taking Care of Mom Healthcare Provider's Guide



### **Oral Health Recent Events**



## News from the Oral Health Bureau

OHB Updates
New for FFY2011!

As indicated in the RFP for FFY2011-2015, CH-Dental and I-Smile<sup>™</sup> funds may not be used for direct care services or costs associated with direct

care services provided by Federally Qualified Health Centers or Rural Health Center dental clinics. If you have questions, please talk to your oral health consults.

Dental Data Reports will be available and submitted via Sharepoint for FFY2011.

For more information, contact the Oral Health Bureau at 1-866-528-4020.

## **Administration/Program Management**

#### IME Informational Letter #940

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise released Informational Letter #940 announcing additional National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits. The specific edits mentioned in this letter (date span billing edits, local coverage determinations, and medically unlikely edits) are not likely to affect Maternal Health Centers or Child Health Screening Centers. However, this informational letter may provide some perspective on the NCCI initiative that is generating some Medicaid coding and payment problems experienced by a few MCH agencies. See the opening and closing paragraphs of Informational Letter #940 on pages 7-8 of The UPdate.

Please note that to date IDPH Bureau of Family Health has not yet learned of response by IME on the claims concerns posed by our agencies. We will keep you apprised of any information that we do learn.

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## **Administration/Program Management**

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#### From Informational Letter #940

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More information regarding Iowa Medicaid's implementation of the National Correct Coding Initiative can be found at <a href="www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/CCI.html">www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/CCI.html</a>. Additional information from CMS is available at <a href="www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalCorrectCodInitEd">www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalCorrectCodInitEd</a> (including <a href="www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c12.pdf">www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c12.pdf</a> relating to the appropriate use of the modifiers) and WPS Medicare at <a href="www.wpsmedicare.com/j5macpartb/training/resources/modifiers">www.wpsmedicare.com/j5macpartb/policy/active/local</a>.

If you have any questions, please contact IME Provider Services at 1-800-338-7909, in Des Moines at (515) 256-4609, or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us">imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us</a>.

#### BFH 2010 Fall Seminar Presentations Available Online

The following presentations are available online at <a href="www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/grantee">www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/grantee</a> resources.asp, (scroll down to the bottom of the page):

- Title V & Title X State Plans: MCH/FP State of the State Jane Borst & Dr. Bob Russell
- Contract Special Conditions Overview Andrea Hoffman
- Cost Reporting Juli Montgomery
- Fee-for-Service Billing Shelley Horak & Renee Mathews
- Community Health Needs Assessment John Durbin
- Public Health Modernization & Date Warehouse Joy Harris
- Smoking Before and During Pregnancy: Who's doing it? Debbie Kane & Steph Trusty
- Child Health Programs: Business Perspective
  - Healthy Child Care Iowa Analisa Pearson
  - Early ACCESS Meghan Wolfe
  - 1st Five Sonni Vierling

## Calendar

October 27, 2010
CAReS and Child Health/EPSDT Training
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. CAReS
12:30 p.m. - 4 Child Health/EPSDT
Lucas State Office Bldg, Conference Room 526
(Licensure Board Room)

November 18, 2010
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12:30 p.m. - 4 Child Health/EPSDT
Lucas State Office Bldg, Conference Room 518

# NOVEMBER Contract Required Due Dates

15 - Due: Electronic Expenditure Workbooks

15 - MCH/FP Summary of Insurance Verification

15 - FP Supplemental Funds Report

15 - Early ACCESS Service Coordinator Job Description/ Plan for Staff Vacancies

29 - Export WHIS Records to IDPH

30 - 2010 Semi-Annual CAReS/WHIS Review Summaries

<sup>\*</sup> Required meeting



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#### **INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 940**

**DATE:** September 16, 2010

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Providers Billing on CMS 1500 Claim Forms

**ISSUED BY:** Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Implementation of Local Coverage Determinations (LCD) and Medicare

Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE) Editing

**EFFECTIVE:** Claims processed on and after October 8, 2010

The federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, passed into law earlier this year, mandates that effective for claims filed on or after October 1, 2010, State Medicaid Agencies must incorporate and apply editing methodologies of the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI). The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has been charged by Congress with the responsibility for defining the adjudication rules, provider categories and claim types that will be subject to the NCCI edits.

Iowa Medicaid, like all other State Medicaid agencies, will be required to enforce these edits within the claims processing environment. Two types of edits are mandated in the law: procedure-to-procedure and unit of service. The exact edits and full scope will not be known in complete detail until further information is received from CMS. The potential exists that these edits could impact your claims filed on or after October 1, 2010.

\*Date Span Billing Edits identify claim lines where the units do not result in a whole number product when divided by the number of days in a date span; such lines will be denied. Beginning October 8, 2010, the IME requires that providers identify a specific unit count with each day of service. If a claim line contains a span of days, it will be assumed that an equal distribution of units were provided for each day in the span (for example: a 3 day span of 1/1/10 - 1/3/10 billed at 6 units would be understood to mean 2 units were provided on each day; if that is not the case, the days should be broken into separate lines on the claim as necessary). Similarly, date spans should not include days in which no service was provided. Note that an exception will be made for codes whose descriptions state "per week" or "per month," in which no more than one unit should be billed during the defined timeframe.

\*Local Coverage Determinations (LCD) are coverage policies CMS regional carriers developed for surgeries and procedures. Iowa Medicaid may utilize our local carrier's LCDs in determining medical necessity for certain procedures. It is recommended that you code your diagnosis to the highest level of specificity and avoid using general diagnosis codes when possible. We will be implementing LCD edits in phases. The first phase will begin with the implementation of editing based on 15 LCDs. Iowa Medicaid will notify providers, via remittance advice comments, anytime additional LCD editing is implemented. An up to date list of LCDs, being utilized by Iowa Medicaid, can be found at <a href="http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/CCI.html">http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/CCI.html</a>.

\*Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE) were developed by CMS to reduce paid claims error rate by setting maximum number of units of service for given HCPCS/CPT codes that a provider would likely report under most circumstances for a single beneficiary on a single date of service. Not all HCPCS/CPT codes have an MUE; this editing is in addition to the current max unit editing already in place in the Medicaid claims processing system.

**More information** regarding Iowa Medicaid's implementation of the National Correct Coding Initiative can be found at: <a href="http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/CCI.html">http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/CCI.html</a>. Additional information from CMS is available at <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/</a> (including <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c12.pdf">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c12.pdf</a> relating to the appropriate use of the modifiers) and WPS Medicare at: <a href="http://www.wpsmedicare.com/j5macpartb/training/resources/modifiers">http://www.wpsmedicare.com/j5macpartb/policy/active/local/</a>.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit, 1-800-338-7909, locally 515-256-4609 or by e-mail at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us